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From: Swenson, Peter

Sent: Thur 2/8/2018 4:14:48 PM

Subject: RE: Wetlands Protection oversight

Yes, thank you.

I also received it directly.

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From: McCree, Barbara On Behalf Of R5Hotline Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2018 9:59 AM
To: Swenson, Peter <swenson.peter@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Wetlands Protection oversight

Mr. Swenson

I think this is for you.

Thanks

Barbara McCree Multimedia Communications

From:

Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2018 8:14 AM **To:** R5Hotline < R5Hotline@epa.gov > **Subject:** Wetlands Protection oversight

Hi Water quality professional,

EPA oversight of Aquila Resources/Michigan's DEQ wetlands permit happens Now.

Please see that Aquila's application is read with a fine toothed comb. It is full of contradictions, inaccuracies, underestimates, etc. It leaves NO doubt Aquila is inept, and cannot safely protect our wetlands or operate a mine.

Please see the review by experts our Coalition to Save the Menominee River submitted in public comments. It will direct you to an entire ringed binder full of areas of concern with Aquila's open pit sulfide mining application within yards of the Menominee River.

I understand you are busy, but this is vital to the largest watershed in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and all the wetlands, webs of life, and all living things plant, animal, & human in the watershed. The value of the wetlands to our fresh water is uncontested. This mining proposal will destroy much of it.

Of course, water and wetlands will be affected on the Wisconsin side of our river too. Wisconsin needs your federal intervention.

Please veto this application. Please put a final end to this threat to our wetlands and fresh water.

Very sincerely,

P.S. Please reply with either what you are finding to object to in this application, or with specific names and contact information of EPA people evaluating this proposal and who have veto power over it.

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